

### **Abstract**

In an escalator, a handrail is supported medially and reversed by means of a reversing sheave, which rotates  
5 about an axle which has approximately the width of a balustrade. The axle is held by at least one supporting cheek. A handrail-drive, which is integrated in the balustrade base, drives the reversing sheave by means of a drive-wheel, the handrail, which is guided over a diverter  
10 roller, being carried along by friction from the reversing sheave.